



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Gianoulakis, et al.

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For: Substrate Support
Apparatus To Facilitate
Particle Removal

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 23, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 23, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5970.05/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2. Amendments to the drawings begin on page 5. The pending claims begin on page 6. Remarks begin on page 10.